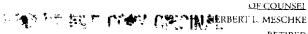
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#### **USF CERTIFICATION - FCC DOCKET NO. 96-45**

Please find enclosed a copy of an Affidavit filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission by each of the following companies:

- 1. **BEK Communications Cooperative**
- Consolidated Telcom 2.
- 3. Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telcom I
- Dickey Rural Access, Inc., Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, and Dickey Rural 4. Communications, Inc.
- 5. Griggs County Telephone Company and Moore & Liberty Telephone Company
- Halstad Telephone Company 6.
- Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC 7.
- Midstate Communications, Inc., and Midstate Telephone Company 8.
- Nemont Telephone, Inc./Missouri Valley Communications and Sagebrush Cellular. 9. Inc.
- 10. North Dakota Telephone Company
- Northwest Communications Cooperative 11.
- Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation, Polar Telcom, Inc., and Wolverton 12. Telephone Company
- 13. Red River Rural Telephone Association
- Reservation Telephone Cooperative 14.
- 15. SRT Communications, Inc.
- 16. United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation and Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
- 17. West River Telecommunications Cooperative



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These Affidavits certify that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. You may already have received a signed original of the Affidavit from each one of the companies listed above.

The aforementioned carriers have also filed this Affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2009, that the carriers will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2009, the aforementioned carriers are also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the carriers continue to receive the universal service support for which they are eligible.

Don Negaard

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**Enclosures** 

# BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PLL439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 1824-510011

AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss
County of Kidder	)

Derrick Bulawa, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by BEK Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2010 and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2010 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator services to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	\ <del>-</del> '
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
	By Derrick Bulawa Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ) ss.  County of Kidder )  On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared DER Manager of BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERA and that executed the within instrument, and a executed the same.	ATIVE, the corporation that is described in
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

# FCC Mail Room BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED TELCOM REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss.
County of Stark	)

Paul Schuetzler, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Telcom (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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emergency services; (f) access to operator ser (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	CONSOLIDATED TELCOM
	ByPaul Schuetzler
	Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ss.	
County of Stark )	
On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared PAUI Manager of CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, the cexecuted the within instrument, and acknowled the same.	orporation that is described in and that
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

## BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss
County of Foster	)

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2010, and for all quarters thereafter.
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consumers.	
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
	By Keith Larson Its: Manager
State of North Dakota )	
County of Foster ) ss.	
On this day of August, 2009, to County and State, personally appeared KEITH of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATION described in and that executed the within instruction executed the same.	NS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss.
County of Ransom	)

Ray G. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Moore and Liberty Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2010, and for all quarters thereafter.
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(h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	. (0)
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
	By Ray G. Brown Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ) ss. County of Ransom )	
On this day of August, 2009, to County and State, personally appeared RAY of MOORE AND LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPAThat executed the within instrument, and accessed the same.	NY, the corporation that is described in and
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

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# BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of Minnesota	)
	) ss.
County of	)

Ronald LaQua, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Halstad Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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emergency services; (f) access to operator sen (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY
	By Ronald LaQua Its: Manager
	efore me, a Notary Public in and for said
County and State, personally appeared RONAL of HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corpor the within instrument, and acknowledged to me	ration that is described in and that executed
	, Notary Public For the State of Minnesota My commission expires:

## BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)	Received & Inspected
	) ss.	
County of Foster	)	SEP 1 8 2009

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby design Boom affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecom I (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I
	By Keith Larson Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ) ss.	
County of Foster )	
On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared KEITH of DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, the corporative within instrument, and acknowledged to me	tion that is described in and that executed
	, Notary Public
	For the State of North Dakota  My commission expires:

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# BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL ACCESS, INC., REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss
County of Dickey	)

Jeff Wilson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Access, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	DICKEY RURAL ACCESS, INC.
	Jeff Wilson Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ) ss. County of Dickey )	
On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared JEFF W DICKEY RURAL ACCESS, INC., the corporation within instrument, and acknowledged to me that	that is described in and that executed the
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

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AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss
County of Dickey	)

Jeff Wilson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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(h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
	By
State of North Dakota ) ) ss. County of Dickey )	
On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared JEFF W DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the executed the within instrument, and acknowled the same.	e corporation that is described in and that
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

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AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss
County of Dickey	)

Jeff Wilson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
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Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
	By
State of North Dakota ) ) ss.	
County of Dickey )	
On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared JEFF W DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the executed the within instrument, and acknowled the same.	corporation that is described in and that
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss
County of Griggs	)

Ray G. Brown, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2010, and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2010 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator ser (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
	By Ray G. Brown Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ) ss.  County of Griggs )  On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared RAY G of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, the executed the within instrument, and acknowled the same.	ne corporation that is described in and that
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

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## BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss
County of Barnes	)

Keith Andersen, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2010, and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2010 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator ser (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	. 197
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC
	By Keith Andersen Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ) ss. County of Barnes )	
On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared KEITHA of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY and that executed the within instrument, and a executed the same.	, LLC, the corporation that is described in
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires:

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### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota	)
	) ss.
County of Mountrail	)

Mark Wilhelmi, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2010, and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2010 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) consumers.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Dated this day of August, 2009.	
	MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
	By Mark Wilhelmi Its: Manager
State of North Dakota ) ) ss.	
County of Mountrail )	
On this day of August, 2009, be County and State, personally appeared MARK V of MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the executed the within instrument, and acknowled the same.	orporation that is described in and that
	, Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: